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Documents Screen

When you first launch the app, you will see the screen below.

The menu bar in the top left-hand corner provides access to the various settings menus.

Creating and editing text scripts and slides

On the device

To create a new script on the device simply tap or click the '+' button and select the 'Text' option (slides cannot be created on the device, only via the web interface), enter a title and then enter the script body into the rich text editor. The script will be saved automatically when you close the rich text editor by tap or clicking the blue 'X'.

To edit a script on the device simply tap or click the 'Edit' button, the script will be saved automatically when you close the rich text editor by tap or clicking the blue 'X'.

Please note: The default set in the main settings menu can be overridden on a per script basis from within the editor.

Via the web interface (Requires In-app purchase on non Datavideo hardware)

Please see the 'Network' section of this guide to understand how to access the remote control web interface of the app.

Text Scripts

To create a new text script on the device simply tap or click the '+' button and select the 'Text' option, enter a title and then enter the script body into the rich text editor. The script will be saved automatically when you close the rich text editor by tap or clicking the 'X'.

To edit a script on the device simply tap or click the 'Edit' button, the script will be saved automatically when you close the rich text editor by tap or clicking the 'X', you can also save changes using the blue save button on the top right corner of the editor.

Slides

In addition to text-based scripts you can now import your Powerpoint or Keynote presentation slides via the web interface, slides can be controlled using the hardware WR-500 control or the web based remote control interface. dvPrompter Plus supports seamlessly switching between text-based scripts and slides, you can even add slides and text-based scripts to a playlist

dvPrompter Plus supports mirroring slides in real time so your content is the right way around even when viewed via the mirror glass.

Please Note: Slide mode allows you to import slides as images, you must first export your slides as images from PowerPoint and Keynote

Exporting Slides from PowerPoint

1. Before you convert slides to images, save your PowerPoint presentation to the PPTX or PPT format so you don't lose your work.

2. Select the slide you want to save as an image. If you want to convert all the slides to images, select any slide.

3. Select ‘File’ > ‘Save As’. In PowerPoint for Mac, select ‘File’ > ‘Export.’

4. Choose the location where you want to save the file and enter a name for the image file.

5. Select the 'Save As' type down arrow to display a list of file formats. By default, PowerPoint Presentation (*.pptx) appears in the text box. On Mac, use the menu next to 'File Format'.

6. Select the image format you wish to save your presentation. Choose JPEG.

7. Select 'Save'. In PowerPoint for Mac, choose either 'Save Every Slide' or 'Save Current Slide Only', then select 'Export'.

8. Choose whether you want to export 'All Slides' or 'Just This One'.

9. The slide is saved in the selected file format.

If you convert more than one PowerPoint slide to separate image files, a new folder is created in the destination folder. This new folder uses the same name as the presentation. If you haven't saved the PowerPoint file, your exported slide images are saved in a folder with a default name, for example Presentation1.

Exporting slides from Keynote

1. Before you convert slides to images, save your presentation so you don't lose your work.
2. In the top menu select ‘File’ > ‘Export to’ > ‘Images’
3. Select the ‘JPEG (High Quality)’ format and specify the range of slides that you want to save as images. If you want to save all the slides, check the point ‘ALL’.

4. Click ‘Next’
5. In the opened window select the folder where you want to save the images. Set the default name for the slide. During the export, KeyNote will automatically add the sequence number to this name.

Importing Slides

1. Tap or click the '+' button and select the 'Slides' option.

2. Enter a title, here I have used 'My Slides'

3. To import multiple slides, click button **2**. Button **1** can be used to add a single slide to an existing slide deck.

1 **2**

4. Select all the slides you want to import, CTRL + A can be used to select all.

5. Your slides will be imported in alphanumerical order, individual slides can be delete by clicking the blue trashcan icon next to each slide.

6. You can choose to fit the images to the 'Height' or 'Width' of your device, select the option that avoids stretching of the slides based on the aspect ratio of the slides and your devices screen.

7. The slides will be saved automatically when you close editor by tap or clicking the 'X', you can also save changes using the blue save button on the top right corner of the editor.

To edit slides on the device simply tap or click the 'Edit' button, the slides will be saved automatically when you close the rich text editor by tap or clicking the 'X'

Real time editing (Requires In-app purchase on non Datavideo hardware)

Real time editing allows you to modify a script that is currently on screen, simply modify the script via the web interface and watch it update in real time as soon as you save your changes.

Please Note: The scrolling text will pause momentarily while the changes are loaded.

Playlists (Requires In-app purchase on non Datavideo hardware)

Adding a script to the playlist

Checking the 'In Playlist' option when creating or editing a script via the web interface will allow the app to automatically load the next script in the list, it also allows you to quickly jump between scripts using the hardware remote control (see the control section of this guide for more information).

Changing the playlist order

To change the running order of the playlist simply click the horizontal bars to the right of the script name and drag to the desired position.

Control

Via the device (on screen)

Tap or clicking the screen when a script is loaded will display the menu bar shown below.

A: Decrease text size when scrolling / jump to previous script in playlist when paused

B: Start / Pause scrolling

C: Start / Pause scrolling

D: Increase text size when scrolling / jump to next script in playlist when paused

E: Unload script and return to documents screen

Via the web interface (Requires In-app purchase on non Datavideo hardware)

Please see the 'Network' section of this guide to understand how to access the remote control web interface of the app.

The network control interface is shown below.

A: **Text Scripts:** Decrease text size when scrolling / jump to previous script in playlist when paused

B: **Text Scripts:** Start / Pause scrolling

C: **Text Scripts:** Start / Pause scrolling

D: **Text Scripts:** Increase text size when scrolling / jump to next script in playlist when paused

E: **Text Scripts:** Unload script and return to documents screen

F: **Text Scripts:** Increase speed when scrolling / jump to previous break marker when paused

Slides: Next slide

G: **Text Scripts:** Decrease speed when scrolling / jump to next break marker when paused

Slides: Previous Slide

Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts can be assigned to any of the buttons (A to G) detailed above. To enable and assign keyboard shortcuts first enable the 'Enable Hotkeys' option from the 'Settings' menu on the web interface, the default shortcuts are shown below.

To change a shortcut simply left click the button you want to assign with the mouse and then press the key combination you want to assign.

Please Note: Take care not to assign key combinations that are assigned to system functions or that will be used when editing.

Using the WR-500

Wired mode

When first removed from the retail package the WR-500 remote is already in wired mode. When a button is pressed a RED LED will flash. The WR-500 can be switched to Bluetooth mode if required. In wired mode, the remote needs to be physically cabled to the tablet it is controlling. A four-pole jack to jack plug cable is provided with this remote. One end of the cable fits into the tablet's headset socket. The other end plugs into the jack socket on the WR-500 remote.

Please Note: When using this remote in wired mode the DV Prompter app should also be set to Wired – WR-500 in the Remote Control menu option

Bluetooth mode

Switch the Bluetooth function ON within the device settings. Open the DV Prompter app on the same tablet device and choose Bluetooth – WR-500 in the Remote Control menu. Select and start the required script within the DV Prompter app. To switch the remote into Bluetooth pairing mode press and hold the centre Play / Pause button for 3 to 4 seconds. The GREEN LED will now blink on off repeatedly to indicate it is ready to pair with a Bluetooth device.

Once paired a Bluetooth icon will be shown on the main documents screen.

Note: The remote will sleep after 5 minutes of inactivity to save battery life. Press the play/pause button to wake the remote and it will automatically try to re-pair with the tablet previously used.

Button	Whilst Scrolling Text	Whilst Paused	Slides
+	Speed up scroll	next break marker	Next slide
—	Slow down scroll	Previous break marker	Previous slide
▷II	Pause	Play	NA
≪|	Reduce font size	Load previous script in playlist	Load previous script in playlist
|≫	Increase font size	Load next script in playlist	Load next script in playlist

Menu Bar

Tap or clicking the menu bar (found in the top left-hand corner of the documents screen will display the menu shown below, you will see three options:

Home – Return to the documents screen

Settings – Display all app settings

Network – Display the address required to access the app from any device with a web browser over the local Wi-Fi or Ethernet network (the device must be connected to Wi-Fi) or Ethernet.

Help – Links directly to the dvPrompter Plus QSG

i – Displays the dvPrompter Plus app version

Settings

Settings
English
Slave Mode
Display Settings
Default Font
Arial
Font Size
144px
Line Height
1.00
Font Colour
#ffffff
Background Colour
#000000
Prompting Settings
Orientation
Landscape
Mirrored Display
Loop
Scrolling Speed
20
Cue Marker
None

Settings
English
Cue Background
rgba(255,255,255,0.3)
External Display
Border
None
Timer
None
Startup
Auto Start
Start Delay(secs)
9
Network
Screenshot Enabled
Screenshot Delay(ms)
1950
Remote Settings
Break Marker
*#
Remote Control
None
Webui Access
Already Purchased
Keyboard shortcuts
Enable Hotkeys

Slave Mode: When enabled the device will act as a slave screen to another dvPrompter app, please see the 'Synchronising multiple devices' section for more information.

Default font: Select the default font used by the editor (this can be overridden on a per script basis using the editor).

Font Size: Sets the default font size, this will apply to all text that does not have a font size set within the editor.

Line Height: Sets the spacing between lines when scrolling, values below 1 may result in text overlapping.

Font colour: Sets the default font colour (this can be overridden on a per script basis using the editor).

Background colour: Sets the background colour.

Orientation: Select if your device will be 'Landscape' or 'Portrait'.

Mirrored Display: Set to 'Off' if reading the text directly from the device, set to 'On' if reading the text via a mirror.

Loop: Set to 'On' to continually loop the script when finished (only valid when playlists are not in use).

Scrolling speed: Set the speed the text will start to scroll at, this can be adjusted via the hardware or network remote control.

Cue marker: Optionally select a cue marker to define the line of text the talent should read.

Cue Background: Set the cue marker background colour (only valid when using plain or combined cue markers)

External Display: When disabled any second display connected via HDMI or wireless will mirror the main display, when enabled text will only scroll on the second display, the main display can be used to create and edit scripts as well as control the text.

Border: Used to add a border around the scrolling text, this is useful if the text is too close to the edge of your monitor and or beam-splitter glass.

Timer: Display a timer showing the time the text as been scrolling on screen, the timer will reset when a new script is loaded and pause when the script is paused.

Auto start: When set to 'On' the script will start scrolling automatically, when set to 'Off' the script must be started using the on-screen menu, hardware or network remote control.

Start delay: Optionally set a delay (in seconds) between the start command being issued and text starting to scroll (work with manual start and auto start).

Screenshot Enabled: Enables or disabled the screenshots used for remote monitoring via the web interface.

Screenshot Delay (ms): The time in milliseconds a screenshot is taken and send to the network web interface for remote monitoring, a lower value will result in less delay but higher CPU and network usage. Lower values will require faster hardware.

Break marker: You can also set up text characters like *# that indicate a break in the scrolled text called break markers. These markers can then be used to quickly jump forward or backward between points in the text, when using the hardware or network remote control, should the running order of the production change.

Remote control: The optional Datavideo WR-500 controller can be used to control the script, please select either Bluetooth or wired mode.

Web interface Access: Purchase web interface access to unlock the following features:

- Create, edit and manage an unlimited number of scripts over a local network
- Control the prompter over a local network using any device with a HTML5 compatible web browser
- Real time script editing (edit scripts that are in use)
- Playlist support
- Load, reload and control scripts over a local network
- Master/slave mode allows you to use a second device as a slave screen over a WiFi or Ethernet network

Please note: The web interface is unlocked by default on Datavideo hardware.

Enable Hotkeys: Allows you to assign keyboard shortcuts to the control buttons. This option can only be configured via the web interface.

Network (Requires In-app purchase on non Datavideo hardware)

If your device is connected to a Wi-Fi or Ethernet network you can fully control the app over the network, simply enter the web interface address into the web browser of another device on the same network.

You can see an example of the remote-control interface below.

Playing

Synchronising multiple devices (Requires In-app purchase on non Datavideo hardware)

The feature allows you to synchronise the scrolling text or slides on two or more devices via a WiFi or Ethernet network.

Requirements

- The master device must have the web interface unlocked via the in-app purchase.
- All devices must be identical for synchronisation to work (devices with identical screen heights may work but this cannot be guaranteed).
- Slave devices will place additional load on the master device, the number of slave devices that can be connected is dependent on the performance of the master device.
- All slave devices must be connected to the same local network as the master device.

Setup Instructions

1. Obtain the IP address of the master device by navigating to the network menu

2. Open the settings menu on the slave device, enable slave mode and enter the IP address of the master

3. Tap or click home on the menu bar, you will see the screen below while the slave establishes a connection to the master.

4. Once connected the screen will turn white then black, the slave will now mirror the master.

5. To exit slave mode tap or click the screen then press the blue exit button, the app will close.

Connecting an external display

You can connect an external display using HDMI (via an appropriate HDMI adapter for your device) or using wireless screen mirroring such as Airplay and Mirror-cast.

External display setting disabled

In this mode the external display will mirror the devices screen.

External display setting enabled

In this mode the text will only scroll on the external display leaving the device screen free for script control and editing. The script control options can be access via the menu bar as seen below.

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